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Request for Additional F ls for School Building Pro t Clears First Hurdle

By Jim Douglass

SUTTON - At the April 4th Special Town Meeting, the Town of Sutton overcame the first hurdle in its efforts to borrow 1.3 million to complete construction of the recently started School Building Project. The article allowing the town to borrow that amount passed by a vote of 111 to 21, which was far more than the two-thirds majority needed to carry the measure. The passage will allow the question to be placed on the ballot for the April 23 Town Election, where an override of the state's proposition 2 1/2 must be approved by a majority of the voters in order for this borrowing to occur. This 1.3 million, if passed, will be in addition to 7.7 million which has already been approved for school construction by the town voters.

The additional 1.3 million was necessary, according to the School Building Committee, sponsors of the article, because of the time lag between the project's approval and its submission for bids, and the development of additional expenses during this period.

The project to renovate both the Middle and High Schools received approval in April of 1986. Bids were not submitted for the renovations until August of 1987. The long delay in the submission, plus a frenzy of activity in the construction market, created a seller's market. As a result, only one bid was received; it was rejected because it was too high.

The Building Committee then decided to put the project out for re-bid and select some items in the original plan to be bid on as "alternates," or separate items to be done only if money was made available. These included such items as a new roof on the high school, new windows for the middle school, and new athletic fields. Unforseen expenses also became apparent to the committee during the long time period between the project's approval and bidding. These included a new oil tank for the high school and the removal of asbestos. Other expenses were discovered during the actual beginning of construction, such as the need for a new septic system tank and the discovery of a layer of peat at the construction site. The peat found is unsatisfactory for building and must be hauled off. However, this additional expense may be recovered by legal action against the party responsible for determining the soil conditions at the site prior to construction.

The re-bid, with a larger alternative list, produced a successful bid with the contract going to R.W. Granger Co. for 7.7 million, but left many of the original items, once thought of as necessary, excluded and the whole project incomplete. At that point, the School Building Committee decided to offer these alternatives to the voters. In the words of Committee member Wallace Johnson, "It was only fair and proper that you people should be given the privilege to come back in and see if you want to put up some more money and fund the alternatives."

By offering the voters a chance to fund these alternatives as part of the school rebuilding plan, the alternatives would become eligible, as the first 7.7 million is, for a state reimbursement of 72.4%. This reimbursement would come following a state audit of the books and, if it was determined that the total sum spent was under $119 dollars per square foot, the town would be reimbursed at this rate. Based on the footage of the planned schools, the total project cost would be $250,000 under the ceiling of 10.3 million imposed by this criterion. But this ceiling and the size of the unexpected expenses means that the whole building project still cannot be completed as planned, even if the voters vote to override 2 1/2. Thus, according to Johnson, "Some of these alternatives are still not going to be funded because we're going to need a percentage of that 1.3 million dollars to keep the project rolling."

While the school appropriation article passed by nearly a six to one margin, some voters felt that it would not fare as well on April 23 when voters will be asked to override proposition 2 1/2, which will permit the borrowing necessitated by the article. Some voters see the general vote as a battle between newer residents with school age children and older residents with limited incomes whose interests lie mainly in keeping their property taxes down. It was even suggested, ironically, that Sutton teachers may be against the article because passage will so strap the school board for cash that teachers' salaries will be neglected in favor of paying off the substantial debt. But generally, as the vote evidenced, most participants in the meeting felt that the renovations were needed and would be an asset to the town.

Four other articles were approved by unanimous voice vote:

1. a $9,000 appropriation for police salaries, which Chief Conley said were necessitated by a large amount of court overtime generated by a record 157 DUI arrests.

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Series of Meetings to Focus on AIDS Issue

SUTTON - The Sutton School Department's Health Issues Committee has scheduled a comprehensive series of meetings dealing with the AIDS issue. Presentations by the American Red Cross to staff, students and parents will be held during the next few weeks. The committee invites parents and other interested members of the community to attend the meeting on Tuesday, April 26, at 7:15 p.m. in the Elementary School Auditorium.

Chairperson Michel Perron has announced the distribution of the publication AIDS and the Education of Our Children - a Guide for Parents and Teachers, which is published by the United States Department of Education. The guide will be sent home to each family with students in the junior/senior high schools. Parents are advised to call Mr. Perron at 865-6481 if they do not receive their guide by May 1st.

Evening of Entertainment to Benefit Scholarship Fund

MILLBURY - The Marjorie Matson Memorial Scholarship Committee is sponsoring an Evening of Entertainment, featuring Java Jive, on Monday, April 18, from 6-10 p.m. at Pleasant Valley Country Club. Hors d'oeuvres will be served.

Tickets may be purchased from Dr. William Spang on Elm Street, from David Matson at the Town Clerk's Office, or from any committee member.

Anyone who is unable to attend this event, but would like to make a contribution to the fund, may send donations to: Marjorie Matson Memorial Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 361, Millbury, MA 01527. All checks should be made payable to the fund.

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MILLBURY - Final day to obtain Open Burning Permits from the Millbury Fire Department. Permits are available at Fire Headquarters, Elm Street, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20

MILLBURY - District Nursing Society Blood Pressure Clinic at Linden Apartments, Pearl Street, from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.

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Millbury Selectmen's Meeting Digest

Parking Problems Top Meeting Agenda

By Edward J. Cooney

April 4, 1988

MILLBURY - The meeting began at 7:06 p.m. With the exception of Roland Lachance, all members were present.

Chairman Jude Cristo reviewed Dates to Remember and then moved the meeting to Administrator Earl Chase's weekly report.

Chase stated that he had only one item concerning "Old Business" which referred to a meeting of the Transfer Station and Solid Waste Committees on Wednesday, April 5. Chase reported that Marc Gould, of SEA Engineering, would be present at that meeting to review estimates for the construction of the proposed transfer station.

- At 7:15 p.m., Carol Good, a beautician who runs a business on lower Elm Street, was present to discuss difficulties with parking at her end of Elm Street. Ms. Good stated that she had been before the board of Selectmen some 12 years ago concerning a similar problem. Referring to the time limit allowed on that section of Elm Street, Mrs. Good said, "Thirty minutes isn't enough time."

Cristo replied that parking regulations on Elm Street are "signed" with 30 minutes on one side and two hours on the other side. "Traffic rules and regulations were changed during the reconstruction of downtown streets and sidewalks."

According to Mrs. Good, tenants and business owners have parked their cars all day in some areas on Elm Street. She also said that she received a parking ticket and explained that she parks her car in front of her business so she can drive the elderly home after their appointments.

"Ill be out of business. Before, they (Selectmen) said they would inform police to overlook the people in the beauty shop," she said.

Cristo acknowledged that problems exist but emphasized that the police department must enforce traffic rules and regulations in all areas of downtown. He also noted that he had observed, on several occasions, that there were two hour parking spaces available on the north side of Elm Street. Cristo indicated that if tenants on the street park for more than two hours they could be ticketed. "If it is enforced, they won't park for more than two hours," he said.

Mrs. Good remarked that she would be moving her car every two hours.

Cristo replied that there was not much the board could do since the regulations were set by the state as a result of downtown reconstruction. It's hard to say don't enforce at your end but enforce it say at Scannell's on Main Street."

Selectman John Donnelly then said, "We are trying to help everyone in town. We don't owe you that particular parking spot." Cristo then added, "It's a hassle. We understand what you are going through. We can't change it. I don't know where it leaves you."

Mrs. Good replied, "I can't keep paying parking tickets for my customers. I'll be out of business. I have a lot of elderly. They can't walk far."

Cristo again suggested that Mrs. Good park on the opposite side where there is two hour parking.

Cristo ended the discussion by stating that the matter would be looked into to see if it is "etched in stone." Donnelly also suggested that

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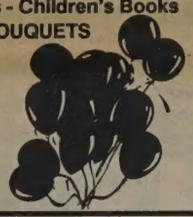

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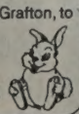

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the DPW be asked to come to town and review the situation.

- At 7:35, the board met with representatives from the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars to discuss the plans for the annual Memorial Day Parade. The Legion and VFW will be in charge of the Memorial Day Program which will follow the same schedule as last year.

- Chase then informed the board that, according to Rick Colon, a representative of the Telephone Company, a definite date for telephone conversion in Millbury has not been determined since the company is awaiting a decision from the Justice Department.

Cristo asked that a letter be sent to get a firm commitment from the company. He noted that the "Community Case" prepared by the town was held up because there was some indication that Millbury's schedule would be moved up. He suggested that the town may have to pursue the Community Case proposal again if a firm time commitment isn't forthcoming.

- Under "Old Business," the board voted 4-0 to appoint Mary Brodeur to the Housing Partnership Committee.

- Chase reported that no response has been received from Wheelabrator concerning the board's request for an explanation of the drop in the tonnage and community host fee.

- The issue of parking surfaced again under Agenda Items. Selectman Wynton Adams expressed concern with cars parking on sidewalks. He told Police Chief Brady that he had observed seven vehicles parked on the sidewalk on West Main Street. Brady replied that the department has been checking illegally parked cars all over town and that, when checked, no violations were observed in that area.

Donnelly brought out incidents of parking on sidewalks on Grafton Street, noting that he had not seen any tickets issued.

Brady replied, "We don't get them all, but in two weeks we will get them all."

- At 7:45, Gerard Laflash was present at the request of the board to discuss progress being made in the removal of a barn located at the rear of 34 Main Street. The building had collapsed in a snowstorm and was subsequently condemned by the building inspector.

Laflash then updated the board on the status of the building noting that half of the barn is already down. According to Laflash, "There was a problem getting help. We have had a lot of problems with kids. We have conformed to all rules and regulations. I spoke to the Building Inspector. The property is posted and roped off. The ropes and signs were stolen. The fence belonging to the Credit Union has been repaired. It's a matter of time." Replying to a question on the length of time, Laflash replied, "I can't really say. It's up to the people working on it. It's being taken care of."

Adams then asked, "We can assure people it is coming down?

Laflash replied, "Yes. I went to get the permit on my own. 500 feet of lumber was taken out today."

In other matters:

- Selectman Donald Gauthier suggested that the board consider dates for the Summer Schedule of Selectmen's Meetings. After a brief discussion, the board agreed on the following dates:

June 14 and 28th - July 12th and 26th - August 9th and 23rd

- Chase informed the board that the Fire Chief had inspected property on Manor Road, as requested at last week's meeting, and did not find any fire or safety hazards.

- Chase reported that Dorothy Pond will be treated for de-weeding, with state approval, the 1st week in June. He also noted that, according to EPA guidelines, a 14-day swimming ban would have to be imposed during that time period.

In another matter relating to Dorothy Pond, Chase reported that the layout of the proposed dike to be built for dredging operations at the pond has been shortened as an economy measure. He noted that the settling and marsh area would be larger.

- Cristo asked Chase to check to see that an article to establish a Department of Public Works in town will be ready for a future special town meeting.

- Chase then stated that the layout for drainage on Millbury Avenue will be sent to the Central Mass Regional Planning Commission for review and recommendations. He indicated that the final plans will be presented at a board meeting in the near future. Cristo suggested that homeowners in the area of reconstruction be notified by mail so that they may also attend the meeting.

- Chase then briefly reviewed the 15 positions to be considered under a job classification plan to be done by the Personnel Board. Cristo suggested that the plan be completed before talking about classifications for elected positions.

- Donnelly informed the board that the Fire Engineers would like to repair the dry hydrant located at Ramshorn Pond which has not worked since it was installed. According to Donnelly, it would require a diver to check the inlet valve for obstructions. He also noted that the road will not be touched during the repair process. The board voted 3-0-1 to support the request. Donnelly ab-

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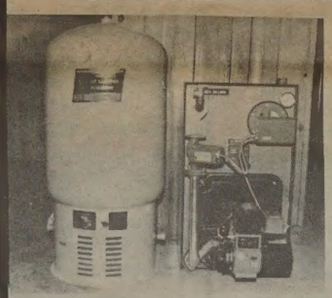

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Under New Business:

1. the board approved a street opening request at Main and Grove from the Telephone company.

2. A request for a Hawker and Peddlar license was held until next week to allow the board the opportunity to discuss the request with the applicants.

3. A lease agrement with the Millbury Little League for control of the new field house at Washington Park was referred to Town Counsel for review.

Under "Addenda" items, Adams suggested that a letter be sent to Officer Kevin Woods, expressing appreciation for the years of service by "Otto," the police dog; the board approved on a 4-0 vote. Cristo suggested that the Chief of Police be asked for a recommendation on the future of the dog program.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Girls Club to Hold Vacation Program

WORCESTER - The Worcester Girls Club will hold a co-ed vacation program April 19-22 for girls in grades K-12 and boys in grades 1-6. The four day program will held from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. An extended day, from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., will be available. Cost of the extended day is $2.50 per person.

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Fidelity Co-perative Holds 100th Meeting

Open House to be held April 25th

At the 100th Annual Meeting of the Fidelity Co-operative Bank held recently, President Francis M. Metterville reported that the past year was one of progress for the Bank, with total assets approaching the $100 million dollar mark in this 100th year of service. Metterville cited the strong earnings position of the Bank, which has resulted in a 21% increase in Reserves to $8.4 million dollars, an all-time high for the Bank.

Metterville reported the introduction of a new mortgage product during the past year - the Transformer Mortgage - which has been extremely popular among home buyers. The Transformer Mortgage offers a discounted adjustable rate during the first year, and provides the borrower with the option to convert to a fixed rate anytime from the first anniversary date to the fifth anniversary date of the loan.

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1987 also saw the completion of a new drive-up facility at the Leominster Office of Fidelity, in response to customer preference in the line of new services.

Metterville also reported the development and success of a Nursing Loan Program in conjunction with Burbank Hospital in Fitchburg, whereby students referred by the Hospital may obtain financing toward their nursing education, with the loan payments being supplemented by the Hospital.

In finalizing his report, Metterville announced that an Open House is planned at all offices of the Bank on Monday, April 25th, to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Bank, and he said, "I wish to extend an invitation to everyone to visit us that day, and enjoy the fun.

Shareholders of the Bank, at their meeting also held recently, reelected Robert J. Fallon of Lunenburg, Francis M. Metterville and Michael F. Root of Fitchburg, and Richard D. Colombo of Gardner to new three-year terms as Directors of the Bank. Mary M. Leary of Ashburnham was elected as Clerk of the Corporation for one year.

Officers of the Bank who were reelected to new one-year terms are: Mr. Metterville, President; Joseph L. DiConza, Senior Vice President and Treasurer; Armand H. Lapierre, Vice President; Mrs. Leary, Richard J. Williams, Thomas A. Carter, and Linda M. Hietala, as Assistant Vice Presidents; Helen O'Connor, Betty G. Bjurling, and Debra Pochini, as Assistant Treasurers.

Other Directors of the Bank whose terms expire at a later date are: Henry J. Masciarelli, of Fitchburg; Theodore M. Nikitas, Dorothy A. Driscoll, and Jay M. Rome, of Leominster; Raymond J. Robichaud, of Gardner; William J. Williams, of Lancaster; and Wallace E. Johnson, of Sutton.

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School Committee Stands Firm on Kindergarten Age Requirements

By Edward J. Cooney

MILLBURY - Chester Hanratty, School Committee Chairman, opened the April 6th meeting at 7:30 p.m. Hanratty presented Patricia Cooney with a plaque in honor of her service to the Committee and the school system for the past three years. Mrs. Cooney recently announced that she will not be seeking reelection to the School Committee in the April 26th elections. In presenting the plaque, Hanratty stated, "We have not always agreed on everything, but we have always been able to talk to each other." Committeeman Ed Wilczynski emphasized Mrs. Cooney's perfect attendance record at meetings, noting that it was a remarkable record.

Minutes for the March 9th and 16th meetings were then approved on a 5-0 vote, with minor corrections.

Item 2 on the Agenda, concerning the use of the high school parking area for a fireman's muster during the 175 Anniversary Celebration, was deferred until the next meeting.

Hanratty then called on Superintendent Dr. Alfred Sylvia to present Item 3, which dealt with concerns over the age change for entrance to kindergarten.

Sylvia stated that Mr. and Mrs. DeAdder were present to speak to the Committee concerning the change. He also stated that they were unaware of the age change. "They had sent their daughter to pre-school to enter into the kindergarten this next September."

Sylvia continued, "The committee discussed and directed that there would be no exemptions, that the cutoff date was not to be altered. Many hours of work were done by staff and administration which recommended the September 1st date for five year olds. It's difficult once you make an exception to hold to a specific date. The committee felt strongly we were not going to bypass the September 1st date."

DeAdder then addressed the board, stating, "We are not rabble-rousers and not trying to cause problems. We teach at home that school is important and that life is taken seriously." He also maintained that he was unaware of the change in age requirements. "We did not know of this date. It was in our mind she would be in (kindergarten) this coming year. She believes she is being kept back. We feel bad about that. It's a serious dilemma if she stays in pre-school and believes she is a failure or a social outcast."

Sylvia questioned why the request was being made at this time, since the decision was studied for two years and approved a year ago. "This is not something we rushed into," Sylvia said. "A number of communities have studied and changed the entrance age. It was published in the local papers."

DeAdder replied, "In essence you are dropping everyone back. Don't you believe in a merit system? Some could be seven years old when they enter grade 1. Is there any reason to wait that long?"

Sylvia then noted that a child can enter grade one if they are 6 years old by December 31st.

DeAdder replied, "What is the sense in changing kindergarten and not 1st grade?"

Committeeman Bruce Pease explained, "We have no say on that. You can't change the 1st grade date. That's state law."

Hanratty said that the recommendation of the principals, teachers, and the superintendent was that no exceptions were to be made. "We are all against making exceptions," he said.

DeAdder asked, "Should we tell our kids they failed? What can we tell them. Tell me how I can convince her?"

Mrs. Cooney replied, "You don't have to tell her she failed. You can tell her you didn't see it published in the paper."

DeAdder asked if any of the committee members had any reservations about the cut-off date. Wilczynski replied that the committee would live by the recommendations made by educators.

Committeeman Alan Tuttle agreed, saying, "This was a two year study; a lot of time was spent on this. This was the right decision based upon the information we had."

Mrs. Cooney then asked the Chair to move the question. DeAdder asked if anyone wished to reconsider. "No one believes there might have been an error?"

Hanratty paused, looked at his colleagues and stated, "No, I guess not. We have to go with what we have been told. It's the best for all children concerned."

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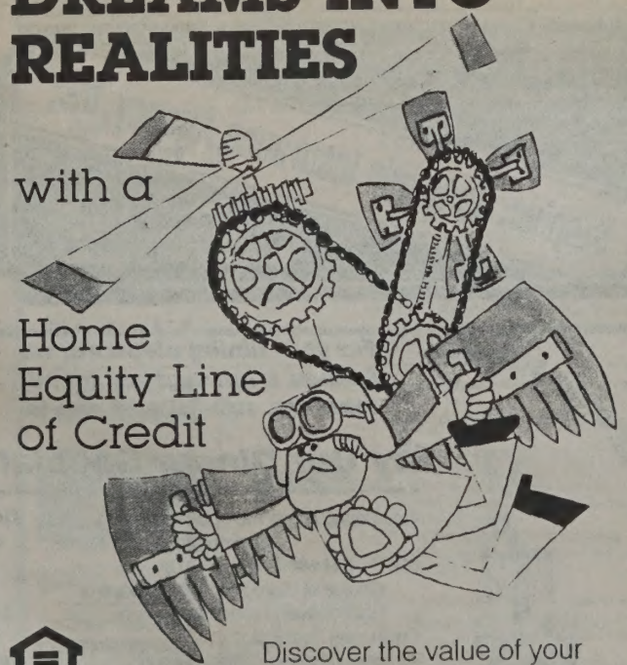
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Compassionate Friends to Meet April 19

WORCESTER - Bereaved families of children who have died are invited to the monthly meeting of Compassionate Friends, Worcester Area Chapter, on Tuesday, April 19 at 7:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church, 111 Park Ave., Worcester.

The topic of the meeting, "When Bad Things Happen to Good People," is based on the national best selling book of the same title written by Rabbi Harold S. Kushner.

Compassionate Friends, a world-wide self-help organization offering understanding, sympathy and friendship to bereaved parents of all faiths, also encourages brothers and sisters to attend its special Siblings Group on the same evening.

Caring for the Youthful Athlete to be topic of Soccer Association Meeting

SUTTON - The Sutton Town Soccer Association is sponsoring an evening with Dr. Harriet Meyer from the UMass Sports, Health and Fitness Institute. Dr. Meyer's topic will be "Caring for the Youthful Athlete," and she will discuss methods of injury prevention and treatment.

The session is scheduled for Tuesday, April 19, at 7:00 p.m. at the Sutton Town Hall.

This meeting is open to all individuals involved with youth sports activities in Sutton.

Little League to hold Tag Day

MILLBURY - the Millbury Little League will hold a Tag Day on Friday, April 22, and Saturday, April 23. The boys and girls will be going door to door on Saturday, April 23, starting at 9 a.m. They will cover the downtown area on Friday evening and Saturday morning.

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Hanratty then moved the meeting to Item 4 to discuss approval of the new Athletic Awards Program. School committee members raised questions concerning the awarding of jackets. Approval was deferred until more student input can be obtained.

In other business, Susan Pierce, Business Manager, presented the committee with a review of the pending lease agreement for the use of the Dorothy Manor School as a day care program by Jacqueline Fitzpatrick. Mrs. Pierce reported that discussions centered around the use of two classrooms, one lavatory, and one teacher's room. She noted that costs have not been developed as yet and that she would present a lease for review in the near future.

Mr. Stepien and Mrs. Banks, who conduct a similar program as part of the High School curriculum in child care classes, were present and expressed some concern that the opening of the day care center at Dorothy Manor may impact on their program. They were also concerned that it might be construed as being part of the high school program.

Wilczynski stated that it could be made clear that it is not the same program. "I don't think anyone would (confuse it with the high school program), but who knows?"

Tuttle stated that it may cost more to attend the proposed day care program, which could be a factor in maintaining the high school program.

Mrs. Pierce then brought to the attention of the committee a federal mandate concerning testing for asbestos in all schools. She noted that the school system will be required to test all schools and provide an inspection and management plan by 1989. She also indicated that all custodial and maintenance workers that may work in a building with asbestos material would be required to receive two hours of training. The estimated cost for inspecting each school would be approximately $4,000, requiring a $21,000 figure to be budgeted.

Sylvia suggested that it might be possible to train the system's personnel at a lower cost. He stated that he would check on the matter with other area superintendents.

Under Informational Items, Sylvia informed the committee that the Mass Assessment Test was recently given to all 4th, 8th, and 12th grade students. He also credited the staff with providing the best possible testing situation.

The meeting then turned to a discussion of item 8 on the agenda, which was a request from the Finance Committee to reduce the 1988-89 school budget.

After some discussion, the committee voted to reduce the budget by $33,300. The $12,816 bid for a solar teacher's room at the high school was deferred until after the approval of the budget at the May 3rd town meeting.

In another matter, Sylvia took special note of the efforts of Mrs. Chiras and the staff and students at the Middle School for the school being named a finalist in the Take Pride in America Awards Program. Mrs. Chiras will be going to Washington for the national finals.

Sylvia announced that the Spring Arts Festival will take place on the Millbury Common on May 10, 11, and 12, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The rain dates will be May 16, 17, and 18.

A discussion of teacher comments relating to Wilczynski's request for a spelling policy followed, with Wilczynski stating that after reviewing teacher comments he found that in order to understand them he grouped them into three categories. He explained that 16 teachers reported that they already do correct spelling mistakes, five responses were unclear, and in the K-3 level there are spelling concerns. "I appreciate the effort and input of those participating," he said.

Wilczynski took issue with one comment received, which implied that the School Committee is a group of policy makers and is not qualified to judge the quality of education. "The school board and the public can also make judgments," he said. " The demand for improved spelling came from the committee and the public. It didn't come from the staff. There are teachers that are already doing it."

Mrs. Cooney then said that it should be emphasized in the writing policy that corrections should be made for spelling and grammar in first drafts. "If the final draft is turned in with errors, it should be turned back and rewritten."

Sylvia noted that the staff has been working hard on a writing policy, which will also focus attention on spelling.

Dr. David Troughton, Curriculum Coordinator, emphasized that the teacher expectation sheets will address standards for both teachers and students.

Under Appointments, the committee approved Mark Sutphen as Head Track Coach and Neil Lucey as Assistant Coach.

The committee also approved $1,500 from the out of state travel account to Roger Desrosiers' History Honors Class for travel expenses to the National Finals Competition in Washington.

On a 5-0 vote, the committee vote to extend sick leave benefits to teacher Barbara Carpenter for the rest of the school year. The Committee approved Sylvia's request to post the position for Speech Teacher. Sylvia informed the committee that he had requested a letter of confirmation from Mrs. Donnelly that she would be returning to her position next September. Since no response was received, committee members suggested Mrs. Donnelly be informed that the position will be posted.

At Sylvia's request, the committee approved giving him the authority to expend funds, not to exceed $2,000, to send teachers to conferences that relate to work being done on curriculum revisions.

In a final matter, Mrs. Cooney requested that Sylvia provide the committee with copies of the new written promotional policies at each school level. Sylvia replied that they are being developed and revised and that he will present copies to the committee as soon as they are available.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

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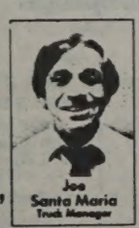
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The Network announced that important issues have been brought forward and action taken on the suggestions of some citizens who have given their time and concern to improve public life.

Citizen Action Network is composed of citizen group leaders dedicated to recognizing and encouraging grass-roots efforts in all forms.

Awards will be presented to individuals involved in areas of community development, environmental awareness, or other issues leading to the overall improvement in the quality of life for all. Phillip Vairo, President of Worcester State College, will serve as Master of Ceremonies.

There is no charge for this event. For reservations, indicate the number attending and send your name, address, and phone number to Citizen Action Network, P.O. Box 8303, Worcester, MA 01614. Reservations should be made by April 18. For more information, call 792-6202.

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On May 19 at 8:00 p.m., WICN will be talking with Dr. Sol Gordon on the topic "Parents Educating Their Children About Sexuality." Dr. Gordon is a psychologist and a leading figure in the field of sexuality education. He has authored many books and has lectured world-wide. He has also appeared on the Today Show, the Phil Donahue Show, 60 Minutes, and has been a consultant for several films on young children and adolescents. He will be joined by Mary Ann Ulevich, a clinical social worker from the Worcester Children's Friend Society.

Other topics to be discussed on future programs are: "Myths About the Family," (May 5th at 8:00 p.m.); "Fathers Today - How Are They Coping?" (May 12th at 8:00 p.m.); and "Normal Behavior in Children and Teens" (May 26th at 8:00 p.m.).

This series is underwritten by the Whitney Insurance Agency, of Millbury.

Moore Calls for Establishment of "Blackstone Valley Community College"

UXBRIDGE - "The Blackstone Valley deserves its own community college." That is the position of Rep. Richard T. Moore (D-Uxbridge), a member of the House Committee on Ways and Means, and a former college administrator.

Moore stated that the concept of locating a satellite campus of Quinsigamond Community College in the Milford-Northbridge-Uxbridge area, currently being advocated by Quinsigamond President Clifford Peterson and Sen. Louis P. Bertonazzi (D-Milford), rated a "poor second" to the idea of an autonomous Blackstone Valley Community College to provide educational leadership in the region. He added that if people in Milford would be satisfied with a satellite of Quinsigamond, "That's their prerogative, but the Valley's already tried that route."

The Uxbridge lawmaker, who, in the 1970's was the prime mover to bring Quinsigamond's Evening Division to Blackstone-Millville Regional High School, stated, "We've been the 'educational bridesmaid' long enough. It's time, with our growing population, for a college with its own identity that will provide educational opportunities for our region and will serve as a cultural center for the Valley."

Moore acknowledged that pushing for a new community college would be more difficult than seeking a satellite campus since no new state community colleges have been established in over twenty years. However, he stated that if the state was willing to invest the several million dollars to lease property or build new buildings for a satellite campus, a few more dollars to pay for a college president's salary, and some added administrative expenses for admissions and record-keeping, would be well worth the expense if it had its own identity as the "Blackstone Valley Community College."

Moore announced that he plans to set a meeting later this month, inviting community, business, and educational leaders from the eleven-town Blackstone Valley region in order to organize to bring a community college of its own to the Valley. Moore said, "This meeting will be open to any Valley resident who would like to work on this exciting project."

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The Millbury Lions Club is asking for community support in this endeavor.

To participate in this journey, the Millbury Lions will be sponsoring Mark Bourdeau, of 54 Miles Street, in his challenge to run in the Boston Marathon. The Millbury Lions would also like to see the people of Millbury participate in this journey.

Millbury residents are asked to cut out the pledge request below and to send in a pledge, for any amount, to the address shown. Following the race, a member of the Lions Club will contact those who have pledged to let them know their total pledged amount.

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Marc Bourdeau's run in the Boston Marathon

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Sutton Senior News

WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

MONDAY: All day doctor appointments, crafts from 1-3.

TUESDAY: Lunch at noon, video after lunch, special shopping trips on the last two Tuesdays of the month.

WEDNESDAY: Lunch at noon, bingo from 1-3, PM doctor appointments. **REMINDER** - lunch at Oxford Meal Site on April 20th.

THURSDAY: Grocery shopping for Wilkinsonville, Sutton, and Manchaug; health checks at Orchard Apartments from 8-9:30 a.m., Info. & Ref. from 10-11:30 a.m.

FRIDAY: Lunch at noon, health checks in the Town Hall Library from 12:30-1:00, Bowling in Webster at 1:15.

THE SPAGHETTI DINNER for Sutton elders, sponsored by the **LIONS CLUB** on Sunday, April 10, was a success. Thank you Lions for a very special day!

HOLIDAY - Monday, April 18, is Patriot's Day. The COA office will be closed.

Aroun' The Town & Golden Agers Update

By Lillian C. Sheehan

MILLBURY GOLDEN AGE CLUB: the regular meeting was cancelled because of the trip to the Catskills. The travelers left in the rain but the day showed promise of clearing. We hope they had a pleasant time.

On Tuesday, April 19, meetings will resume and the nomination of officers will be held.

Plans have been completed for a trip to East Hill Farm in Troy, New Hampshire, on Thursday, May 19. The meal will be served family style and the menu will be Turkey and Roast Beef. Two buses will be leaving St. Brigid's parking lot on that morning at a time to be announced later.

ST. BRIGID'S WOMEN'S CLUB: A sincere thank you to all who patronized the Scholarship Whist Party on Friday, the 8th, and to the many who donated articles. Winners on the Chance Books were: Peggy Spang, $100; Celia Hartigan, $50; Ann Morkunas, $25; and Bob Salvas, $25.

CENTERVIEW APARTMENTS: Helme Salois posted a trip coming up for the tenants to Westboro Country Club, on Tuesday, April 19. The menu will be Baked Stuffed Haddock and Breast of Chicken. After the luncheon, they will shop at the Natick Mall.

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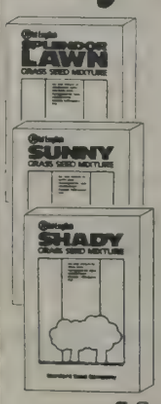

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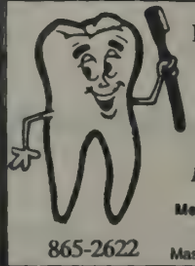

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Rep. Moore Files Bill to Aid Southwick Animal Farm

MENDON - A year old law to prevent cruelty to animals by using them to lure in business for "a place of amusement, recreation or entertainment," may apply to Mendon's Southwick Animal Farm.

According to state Rep. Richard T. Moore (D-Uxbridge), the law was designed to protect wild animals, such as snakes, from being used by exotic dancers or as attractions at bars sponsoring "safari nights."

The Mendon animal farm is the last of its kind in new England, and a major tourist attraction for the Blackstone Valley, according to Moore. At the request of Southwick's attorneys, Moore filed legislation to exempt it from the law, which he said could put it out of business.

The Southwick Christmas and Easter animal displays at malls do not violate the law, according to Richard Nylen, an attorney who represents the Animal Rescue League of Boston, which enforces the law.

Nylen said the Christmas displays set up by Southwick are "tastefully done" and that the animals are "treated well." He said the law is geared more towards wild animals that are being exploited and mistreated.

However, Moore said, Southwick makes about $30,000 per year from the mall exhibits, and that could mean the difference of whether the business survives. It is also unclear in the wording of the law whether Southwick's could even exhibit animals on their own premises.

While the current administration of the Animal Rescue League interprets the law to allow Southwick's operation, Moore said the law is vague enough for a future administration to rule it in violation. Moore wants to guard against that.

Nylen said the league would work with Moore on the issue, but opposes the changes proposed to correct the problem.

The only current exemptions are for zoos, circuses and theatrical exhibitions. The bill received a public hearing last week by the Legislature's Committee on Natural Resources and Agriculture. No action was taken on the Legislation at that time.

Fitchburg Planetarium Offers Variety of Programs

FITCHBURG - The Alice G. Wallace Planetarium will present three different programs at public shows in April. The programs are as follows:

MAGIC SKY (for preschoolers to age 7) - a storyteller will take the audience on a journey from day through night, where they will discover constellations, and learn about all they see. Things may get a little silly however, when Mr. Moon and Patty Pointer forget their manners.

MAX'S FLYING SAUCER (for ages up through 12) - This is the story of a boy's experiences after he reports seeing a U.F.O. When no one takes him seriously, he feels disappointed. Things change, however, when Phui, the silly alien, comes to take him on a trip through the galaxy.

THE UNIVERSE OF DR. EINSTEIN (for ages 12 through adult) - Everything from the speed of light to the "Big Bang" is included in this whimsical show which deals with the life of Albert Einstein, and his discoveries. Not for scientists only.

The Sunday show schedule is as follows:

April 10 and 24: 2 p.m. - Max's Flying Saucer; 4 p.m. - The Universe of Dr. Einstein

The April school vacation schedule is:

April 19 and 21: 11:00 a.m., Magic Sky; 2 p.m., Max's Flying Saucer

April 20: 11:00 a.m., Max's Flying Saucer; 2:00 p.m., Magic Sky

For more information, call the Planetarium at 343-7900.

Fire Department Announces Final Day to Obtain Open Burning Permits

MILLBURY - Saturday, April 16, will be the final day to obtain Open Burning Permits from the Millbury Fire Department. Permits are available at Fire Headquarters, Elm Street, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Saturdays.

DEADLINE

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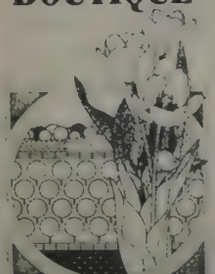

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MILLBURY - The Millbury Little League will hold Opening Day on Sunday, April 24, starting with a parade at 12:30 p.m. All marchers are asked to be at the Millbury High School by 11:30 am. The parade will begin at the High School and end at Washington Street Park. A short ceremony will be held at the park to kick-off the Little League Season and to dedicate the new field house and refreshment stand.

A double header will be played at the park after the ceremonies. Millbury Baseball Boosters will be selling refreshments all day at Washington Street Park. Everyone is invited to attend and enjoy the 1988 Little League Baseball season.

MILLBURY SENIOR NEWS

ENGLAND - A group of senior citizens will be heading to London, England for 15 days on August 10th. The cost is $1,879 per person and includes airfare, hotel, breakfast and dinner each day, ground transportation, and much more. If you would like more information about this trip, call the Senior Center.

MYSTERY DAY TRIP on Tuesday, May 10th. The cost is $17.50 per person and menu choices will be Baked Stuffed Sole with Seafood and Crabmeat Stuffing, or Boneless Breast of Chicken. The bus will leave the Asa Waters Mansion at 9:30 a.m. and return home at approximately 6:30 p.m. Join in the fun and be surprised!

VAN DRIVERS NEEDED - The Council on Aging is looking for individuals to drive the van a few hours each week. No special license is required, just caring people who like to help the elderly. Call or stop by the COA office if you are interested.

NUTRITION - A hot lunch program is held at the Senior Center Monday through Friday at noon. These meals are for everyone 60 years of age and over, and you can make your required 24 hour advance reservation by calling 865-9154. Transportation can be provided if you need it. The meals are great and the suggested donation is $1.25. Following lunch, activities are available every afternoon. Schedules and meal menus are available at the Senior Center.

A PODIATRIST CLINIC will be held at the Senior Center on Monday, April 25, from 8:30-11:30 a.m.

OUR WALKING CLUB is held every Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. Spring into shape with this fun group. New walkers are always welcome.

LINE DANCING is held every Monday at 1:00 p.m. New records have been purchased and the instructor is teaching new dances. The cost is $1.00 per person.

St. Anne's to Sponsor Flea Market

MANCHAUG - St. Anne's Church will sponsor an indoor-outdoor Flea Market on Saturday, April 16, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The inside cost is $10, with a table; outside cost is $5, with no table.

Call Ida Flinto at 476-2645 for reservations. The cafeteria will have hot dogs, hamburgers, and pastry available.

Sailing Association to Meet April 21

The Organizational Meeting of the Singletary Sailing Association will be held on Thursday, April 21, at 1930 (7:30 p.m.) in the Executive Offices of Wood Creations, 127 West Main Street, Millbury. Please note the change of day to a Thursday. Commodore Macaruso asks that all members attend and invites the sailing public to join the members as they make plans and assign committees for the forthcoming sailing season.

For additional information, call the Commodore at 865-5495, or John Gaucher at 865-2372/832-5807.

COA Menus

Week of April 18 - 22

MONDAY: Patriot's Day

TUESDAY: Cheesy Meatloaf, Lyonnaise Potato, Winter Mix Vegetables, Wheat Bread & Butter, Chilled Peaches

WEDNESDAY: Stuffed Shells w/Meat Sauce, Mixed Vegetables, Tossed Salad, Italian Bread & Butter, Fresh Apple

THURSDAY: Swedish Meatballs, Creamed Potato, Peas & Carrots, Rye Bread & Butter, Butterscotch Pudding with Topping

FRIDAY: Chicken Patty with Supreme Sauce, Sweet Potato, Oriental Blend, Oatmeal Bread & Butter, Frosted Yellow Cake

DAR to Meet April 21

SUTTON - The General Putnam Chapter of the DAR will meet on Thursday, April 21, at 1:30 at the home of Mrs. Rene Hebert.

Mrs. Lawrence Pierce will be the speaker, and her subject will be "Patriots."

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Tickets for the Anniversary Ball are also on sale at the Tax Collector's office. The ball will be held at the Sheraton-Lincoln Inn from 6:00 p.m. to midnight on June 24. The menu will feature Prime Rib. Dress is semi-formal, a suit and tie/tea length dress is acceptable, or period dress (1813). A getaway weekend for two to the Whitcomb Summit in North Adams will be the prize for the Millbury couple with the best period dress. Tickets are $30 per person. Robert Williams is chairman of this event. Co-chairing the event are Christine St. Germain and George Kane.

Career Night at Worcester Girls Club

WORCESTER - The Worcester Girls Club will hold a Career Night for girls in grades six through twelve. This program is also sponsored by the Montachusett Girls Scout Council and the American Association of University Women. The Career Night will be held on Tuesday, April 19, from 6:45 to 9:30 p.m.

Career options for young girls will be explored by professional women in technology, business management and administration, non-traditional fields and human services.

The program is free and open to the public. For more information, call 755-9525.

Altrusa Club of Worcester Holds 50th Birthday Party

WORCESTER - The Altrusa Club of Worcester celebrated its 50th Birthday at the Sheraton-Lincoln Inn on Wednesday, April 13.

Co-Chairmen were Mary Sullivan and Frances Dolan, who were assisted by Nora Lavin, Mary Jewett and Michelle Graveline.

Others individuals who assisted were as follows: Betty Hamilton, Martha Lindberg, Madeline Carleton, Hostessing in the Dining Room; Hope Lonstein, Honorary Chairman; Yvonne Estabrook, Hospitality; Elizabeth Myska and Mary Sullivan, Guests; Mayola Knox, Guest Book; Lorretta Boyle and Francisca Van Liew, Name Tags; Michelle Graveline, Music; Lorraine Hayes and Linda Doherty, Publicity; and Lynne Steeves, Favors.

The Altrusa Club was organized in 1938 and chartered in 1940. Over the past 50 years, Altrusa has contributed to many diverse projects including a three-year contribution commitment to the restoration of Mechanics Hall, the purchase of equipment for adult cerebral palsy patients at an area nursing home, donations to senior citizen endeavors, and scholarships to business and vocational schools. For the past three years, Altrusa was committed to a special project providing 10 "Life-Line" units to persons living alone to enable them to call for help in time of need by the use of a "call button" placed on their person with the monitoring unit housed at Fairlawn Hospital. Many Altrusans continue to help area non-profit organizations as volunteers on phonathons for the Salvation Army, Easter Seals and the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

The Altrusa Club of Worcester is composed of women in many diverse professions, all of whom are dedicated to the ideals of Altrusa in their daily lives. Altrusa's motto is, "Patriotism..Efficiency..Service."

FCC Grants Power Increase to WICN

WORCESTER - The Federal Communications Commission in Washington has granted WICN Public Radio's request for a power increase. This permit will enable the station to double its broadcast area. In announcing the permit, WICN Board President Henry C. Horner said, "WICN seeks to raise awareness of Worcester's importance as a cultural center. WICN Public Radio for Central New England has been, and will continue to be, a major media outlet spanning social service, cultural, and ethnic concerns."

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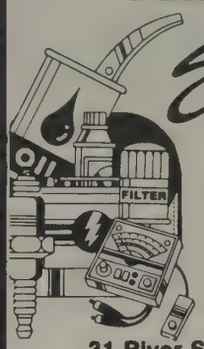

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During April of each year, libraries throughout the country celebrate National Library Week. It's a week to heighten awareness about libraries and the services they provide to the communities they serve. This year, National Library Week falls during the week of April 17.

The Millbury Public Library will be celebrating National Library Week in an appropriate style, with programs and special displays for children and adults. On Tuesday, April 19, at 7:00 p.m., the program "Growing Wild Flowers", sponsored by the Friends of the Millbury Public Library, will be offered to adults. This program is presented by the Massachusetts Horticultural Society. The next day, April 20, at 3:30 p.m., children will get a chance to develop their green thumbs with the program, "How Does Your Garden Grow." Registration is necessary for both programs. The library will also be celebrating the 10th Anniversary of Earth Day with a special display of materials relating to environmental awareness. In addition, the library will present a special display of the winners of its "I Love My Library" writing contest. Winning essays, with pictures from the April 10 "I Love My Library" award presentation, will be on display in the children's room.

As mentioned, one of this year's major National Library Week activities was its "I Love My Library" writing contest. Students across the country were asked to write about their library card. Millbury Public Library's contest involved students in the elementary and middle school grades. These students were asked to write a poem, free verse or essay about their library card.

It was great fun to read through all the entries we received. We are proud to present here the winning entries, as they were written, and we're sure you will agree that each of these pieces reflects the budding creativity, imagination, and writing talent in our children today.

Before presenting these writings, we want to thank the many students who participated in this contest and their teachers. Also thank you to School Media Specialists, Edna Kotomsky and Barbara McCurdy, for their help in planning and organizing this special activity.

Contest winners received book store gift certificates, donated by the Friends of the Millbury Public Library.

COMING UP AT THE LIBRARY

APRIL 19 - 6:30 - GROWING WILD FLOWERS - a program presented by the Massachusetts Horticultural Society and sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Registration is necessary.

APRIL 20 - 3:30 - HOW DOES YOUR GARDEN GROW: A CHILDREN'S PROGRAM. Children will learn how to raise a small plant and watch it grow. Registration is necessary.

I Love my Library Card

A library card is a special gift,
It will give your imagination a buoyant lift.

It will help you when you need a book,
Just give your library card a happy look.

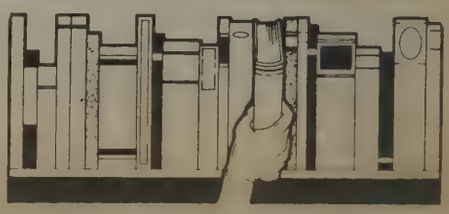
Jokes, movies, games and toys are lots of fun for girls and boys, If you want to have more fun, find a book of rhyme and pun.

Travel on a boat or train,
and see how much knowledge you will gain.

I said it before and I'll say it again.
"The possibilities of your card will never end"
- Robert Rucci, Grade 6, Assumption School

"I like my library card because. I can get a new book every week. I can go new places. I get to know new things. I have a hobby my hobby got started at the Library I love to read about dinosaurs. Why do I want to know new things? because I can get Smart. and I can get a good education and discover new things. That is why. If they didn't have books What would you and I do? I love my library card I can do lots of things with my library." - Joshua McCrory, Grade 2, Elmwood School

"Why I love my library card because I can learn about the world and its people I can learn how other little girls live in other countries of the world my library card brings the world to me."
- Ann Kach, Grade 1, Elmwood School



"I love my library card because
you can get a book,
To teach you how to cook,
And then watch it take flight,
You can get a movie,
That is real groov'y
On the computer you can write your name,
Change the disk and play a game,
With a library card
not having a good time is hard."
- Robert Doud, Grade 3, Elmwood Street School

"My card"

"I love my card,
I read in the yard.
Sometimes I just look,
Others I get a book.
I am thankful for my card,
and the Library
for if it was not there
this poem would not be
on this paper because I
would not know how to write
a poem."
- Leah Rand, Grade 5, Shaw Middle School

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The month of March was a very busy one for the boys. On the 7th, we held our monthly Papa Gino's Pack 143 Night, with Mr. Bjorn as Mr. Gino (hat and all). At least 168 boys, parents and friends signed in on the sheet. Don't forget to sign in - the den with the most signatures in June will have the chance to build their own pizza. We have invited Mrs. Aldi and the whole Papa Gino's crew to our annual picnic in June. We would like for you guys to come up with some good stuff to do. When you come up with a good idea, make sure your leader, Mr. Bjorn, or I, know about it so we can get it going.

There was a lot of hard work on advancement and activity awards this month. A good job to all listed. If your name didn't make it this month, let's try for next month.

MARCH PACK MEETING AWARDS

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Kevin Scanlon
John Judson
Jeffrey Spring
Joshua Fair
Jesse Hoekstra
Joshua Suhl

BEAR
Dan Soucy
Chris Mange
Matt Mange
Greg Owens
Sam Vaillancourt
Andrew Kudla
Sean Reid
Justin Newton
Jason Bumgarner
Paul Sokol
Derek Bailey
Kent Leber
Tim Spring
Michael Trudell
Glenn Morello
John Lawless
Nicholas Philbrook
Joshua Osterman
Frank Piscitelli
Aaron Katz
Matt Kopcinski
Ross Husted

GOLD ARROWS
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Jesse Osterman
Dan Soucy
Greg Owens
Jesse Hoekstra
Jeff Spring
John Judson
Joshua Fair
Sam Vaillancourt
Andrew Kudla
Sean Reid
Justin Newton
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Joshua Osterman
Frank Piscitelli

SILVER ARROWS
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William Nelson
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Sean Reid
Sam Vaillancourt
Jesse Osterman (2)
Joshua Suhl

WEBELOS BADGE
Richard Beardsley
Bryan Swallow

WEBELOS ACTIVITY BADGES

Brad Allen - Naturalist, Readyman
Ross Husted - Readyman
Bryan Swallow - Citizen
William Robsky - Engineer, Naturalist, Readyman
Scott Wassell - Showman, Readyman
Jonathan Moore - Sportsman, Readyman, Traveler, Showman
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Richard Beardsley - Sportsman, Readyman
Matt Burns - Traveler, Aquanaut, Handyman
Ian Newton - Showman, Fitness
John Yeaton - Handyman, Showman
Neil Petkus - Sportsman, Readyman

We would like to hear from some more of the dens. The more news and information we can get, the more work we can make for Mr. and Mrs. Belisle, and the more work we make for them the better they like it. (Be careful, Bruce, or we'll award you our own version of the Gold Arrow! - Ed.)

On March 26th, the Webelos and their leaders, along with scouts from Troop 131, went to Quabbin Reservoir. We had a great time, even though Mother Nature did not cooperate. After lunch and a movie at Quabbin, we traveled to the fish hatchery run by the state. I don't think there was a fish left there that was hungry after we left. I'll bet Mr. Robsky would have liked a nap on the ride home. His den slept over his house Friday night before our trip.

The pack meeting was held on the 29th. All three Webelos dens, along with the Eagle Patrol from Troop 131, deserve a big "THANKS" FOR A JOB WELL DONE for their skits and songs. The night went so good that next year we plan to have a real campfire.

Be on notice: Do Not Miss April's Meeting! The Explorer Post from Whitinsville will put on a great BMX demo.

This month's pack 143 Best Show in Town goes to the Webelos and Eagle Patrol from Troop 131.

IN OTHER SCOUTING NEWS...

St. John's Episcopal Church has been given a charter for Cub Scout Pack 243. We are very glad to have them join the scouting family in Sutton. This move will greatly enhance cub scouting in town. The number of boys coming into scouting keeps growing. With the two cub packs, we can still offer quality cub scouting. The plan is for both packs to work very closely with most of the leaders on both committees. More information will be forthcoming when the final details are worked out.

Now for some more exciting news. The Sutton Friends of Scouting are happy to announce the charter of Boy Scout Troop 131. This has been in the planning stages for some time. The new troop will give boys ages 11 to 18 another alternative form of boy scouting. We will be looking forward to working with Troop 143 in many aspects of the scouting program.

Bruce Davis

Rally to be held for Cristo Re-election

MILLBURY - The committee to re-elect Selectman Jude Cristo will sponsor a rally on Wednesday, April 20, at 7:30 p.m. at the Parting Glass Pub on Route 146 in Millbury. Entertainment will be provided by Butch and Maeve. Tickets are $10.00 and can be obtained by contacting Joe Coggans at 752-5343, Wayne Sclar at 865-5494, or Tim Boutilier at 754-5553.

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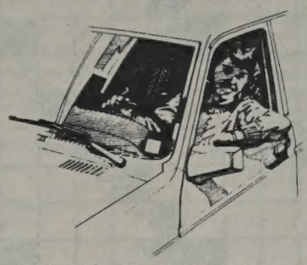
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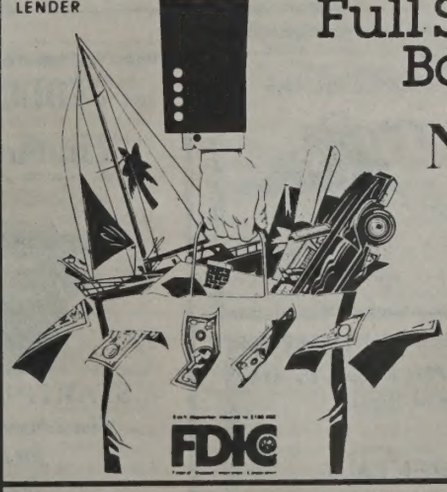
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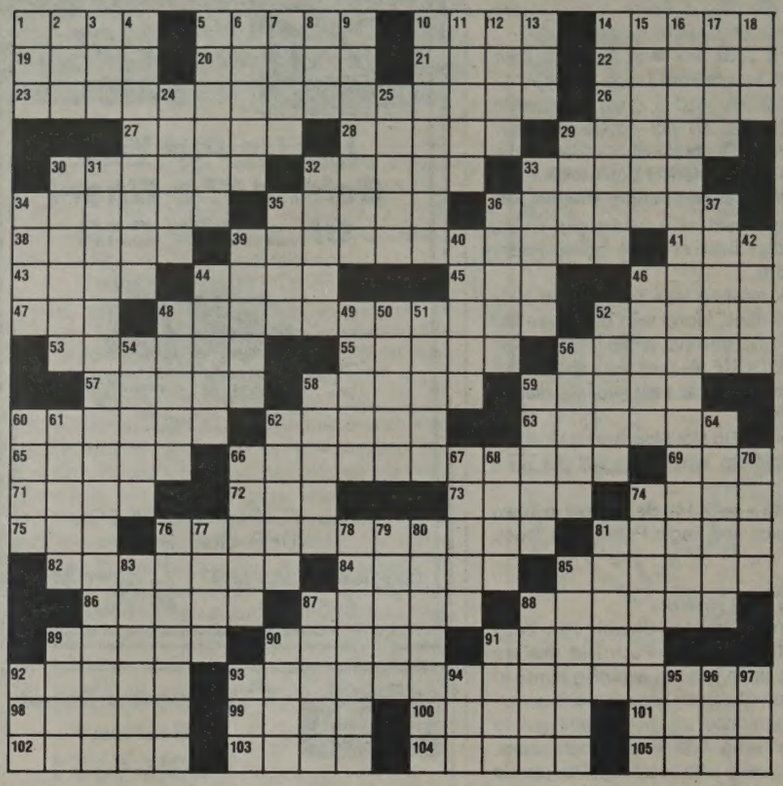

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By Frances Hansen

ACROSS

1 Oil cartel, acronym
5 Derby runner-up, 1942
10 The Afrikaans
14 Nostril, in anatomy
19 Copperfield's first wife
20 Fraser of tennis
21 Invitation initials
22 "Behold — horse;": Revelations 6:8
23 Inspiration for Sousa
26 1921 Galsworthy novel
27 Actress Reed
28 Bet
29 Shopping complexes
30 Off the straight and narrow
32 Condescend
33 Absurd
34 Saws wood
35 Bel —, soft cheese
36 Based on theory
38 Wall Street term
39 "... all thy —" (Campbell's order)
41 Carbohydrate suffix
43 'Arriet's husband
44 Therapeutic kind of bath
45 Affiliate of the CIO
46 — lid on (curb)
47 Brazilian port, for short
48 Start of patriotic song
52 Madrid title
53 Small bivalve
55 Prize name
56 Actress Barbara of "Get Smart"
57 "The Wreck of the Mary —": 1959 film
58 Amplifying device
59 Icy precipitation
60 Assert without proof
62 Fall from grace
63 Unwelcome engine sounds
65 Stendahl's real name
66 "...rumble of a —!": FitzGerald
69 Aberdeen unc!
71 Capital output
72 "— Magic"
73 Bellow
74 Tunisian port
75 Suffix with journal or Chin
76 Third line of "America"
81 Jeune —
82 To that place
84 Open an eye
85 Decisive stage of a tourney
86 Mr. Oop
87 Pasture steps
88 Reeling from punishment
89 Determined the duration
90 "The — with Five Fingers": Lorre film
91 Miss Cluck, Disney hen
92 Eyelashes
93 Object of three cheers in a patriotic song
98 Uncompromising
99 Virginia willow
100 Out
101 Sprawl about
102 Namesakes of a Verdi heroine
103 "The Music Man" locale
104 "Old —" (per 23 Across)
105 Grammy's cousin

DOWN

1 "— bodkins!"
2 Kettle counterpart
3 Good Feeling, for one
4 Hall table plate
5 Spanish pineapples
6 Dramatized comedian Bruce
7 Actress Thompson
8 Hirt and Pacino
9 "— the Lines": 1977 sleeper
10 Rogers horse
11 Trembly tree
12 State
13 33⅓ RPM discs
14 A Cole
15 Three-man space craft
16 Directive from G. F. Root
17 Seine sights
18 Gelled
24 More teed-off
25 Employee's request
29 Ballistic missile acronym
30 Belfast's neighbor
31 Key phrase
32 Actor Tony of "Taxi"
33 Stone chip
34 Basin in West Germany
35 Foie gras, for one
36 Terrible
37 "The world — much with us": Wordsworth
39 Testament
40 TV newsman Morley
42 Deserve
44 Writer Hite
46 Co-owner of the Pequod
48 Warty orange
49 Not likely
50 — coin (flip for it)
51 "Where Have —?": Sid Caesar bio
52 No — (tiny midge)
54 A falcon's eyelids
56 Baker's need
58 Billiards stroke
59 Scrawny animal
60 Competent
61 Most meager
62 Art print, for short
64 In a little way
66 Simple song
67 Three-wheeler, short form
68 Over with
70 Spot-marking letters
74 Good choral material
76 Where Joan of Arc triumphed
77 Farmer's purchase
78 Erode
79 "— I Could Shimmy Like..."
80 Part of a curing process
81 Scandinavian bay
83 Mark Twain lived here
85 Zooey's sister
87 Passover meal
88 Egg white sizing liquid
89 Small S. A. monkey
90 Second of a series
91 Whale: Prefix
92 Robt. E. Lee's gp.
93 Get-up
94 One of the Truk islands
95 "The Pink Panther" actor Herbert
96 Einstein's birthplace
97 Bridge expert Culbertson

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Solution to Last Week's Puzzle

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Board of Selectmen
Town of Millbury
April 13, 1988

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SUTTON FIRST CONGREGATIONAL: Rev. Andrew J. Bierkan, Pastor - Sundays: 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship & Sunday School in the Meetinghouse. Crib Room, Nursery, Kindergarten, Grades 1-8 at 10:00 a.m.; Jr. P.F. as announced; Sr. P.F. 7-9 p.m. Programs: Thursday Morning Bible Study at 10:00 a.m.; 1st Wednesday, Mission Team Work Meeting at 10:00 a.m.; 2nd Thursday, Women's Fellowship of Sutton luncheon/program/meetings at noon. Monthly Public Suppers on 1st Saturdays, 5-7 p.m. Monthly Public Luncheons: 3rd Wednesdays - noon to 1:00 p.m. April-Nov. Sunday School stops after June 12, Children's Day.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL, MILLBURY, Telephone - 865-9861: Rev. Arthur W. Perkins, Minister - Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30 a.m. - Sunday School 9:00 a.m.; Mondays 7:30 p.m., Diet Workshop; Deacons - First Thursday at 7:30 p.m.; Executive Board - Second Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.; Millbury Woman's Club - First Monday at noon.

MILLBURY FEDERATED: Methodist - Congregational Rev. Richard Mattozzi, Pastor - Sunday Services: Adult Worship, Youth Worship, Childcare - 10:00 a.m., Church School - 10:15 a.m., Coffee Fellowship - 11:00 a.m.; Bible Study: Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. and Thursdays at 9:30 a.m.; Senior Choir Rehearsal: Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST, WEST SUTTON: Mr. John Olson - Sunday Morning Worship at 9:30 a.m. followed by Coffee Time at 10:30 a.m.; 3rd Tuesday of each month - Women's Association meetings.

FAITH ALIVE MINISTRIES - all welcome. 138 Providence Tpke. (Rte.146), Millbury, MA, 865-5966. Pastor John Pfeffer: Sunday morning service and Sunday school, 10:00 am; Evening, 7:30 pm; Wednesday Bible Study at 7:30 pm.

MILLBURY BAPTIST: The Rev. Jean M. Greer, Interim Minister; Mr. Charles H. King, Minister of Music. Sunday - 9:30 a.m. - Adult Class/Youth Class; Morning Worship (nursery provided); Sunday School for children age 3 - Grade 6; Communion Sunday, first Sunday of the month. Wednesdays: 10:00 a.m., Discovery Group meets for Bible study; 7:30 p.m. Open Bible Study. Thursdays: 7:00 p.m., Choir Rehearsal at the church.

RAYMOND MEMORIAL CONGREGATIONAL (United Church of Christ): Mr. Raymond Mars, Pastor; Miss Elfreida Klaucke, Organist - Sunday Morning Service at 9:30 a.m.

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL, Main St., Wilkinsonville: Rev. Walter E. Reynolds; Saturday, 5:30 p.m. - Holy Communion; Sunday, 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion - 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion (1st-3rd-5th Sunday); Morning Prayer on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. Church School - Pre-School - Grade 8

EMANUEL LUTHERAN, 200 Greenwood Street, Worcester, MA, Telephone: 756-6620: George G. Kinney, D.Min., Pastor; Louisa Klaven, Pastoral Assistant - Sunday Morning Services: 9:00 a.m. (Nursery Provided); Chapel Service at 10:30 a.m.; Sunday School at 10:30 a.m.; Communion on First Sunday of the month.

ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 53 N. Main St., N. Grafton, 839-3453; Vicar, Robert W. Bain, 366-4293: Holy Eucharist 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Sundays; 7:00 p.m. Wednesdays.

UNION CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, 88 Main St., South Grafton. Member-Conservative Congregational Christian Conference: Pastor, Rev. Edward L. Marston, Jr.; Sunday Services - Sunday School for all ages, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship Service, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday evening Bible Study and Prayer, 7:00 p.m.

THE VILLAGE BIBLE CHURCH, meeting in the Raymond Memorial Church, Raymond Street, East Millbury: Pastor, Rev. Bruce Buchanan; Sunday Services at 11:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Sunday School, 5:30 p.m.; Wednesday night prayer meeting and Bible study, 7:00 p.m.

(Top and Bottom photos) Members and guests of the Millbury and Sutton Historical Societies enjoyed a hay ride on Sunday, April 10.

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